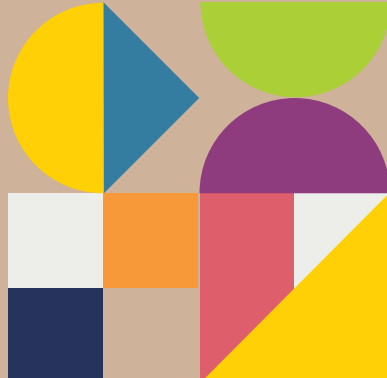
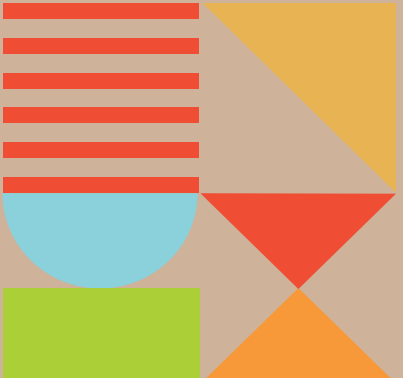




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A GUIDE TO HOSTING A CROSS-PARTISAN VOTER PREP PARTY

Don't know a lot about politics? No problem. Get ready to vote with us! Our easy-to-host cross-partisan Voter Prep Party guide will help you and your friends **vote confidently on November 3rd**.

NOTE TO THE HOST

It can be helpful to lay some ground rules for discussion at the party. Here are some suggestions:

- ✦ Be curious and open-minded.
- ✦ No campaign materials allowed.
Voter Prep Parties are not intended to gather support for specific candidates or party platforms.
- ✦ Everyone gets a chance to speak uninterrupted.
- ✦ Share information instead of debating. If points of disagreement arise, ask questions to explore others' points of view. Disagreement can be good!
- ✦ No one needs to share how they intend to vote, and intentions shared will be kept at the party.
- ✦ Learn and have fun!

You might like to send friends an invitation to your Voter Prep Party, such as:

I'm hosting a casual Voter Prep Party for the midterm elections! We'll gather to get familiar with who and what will be on our midterm ballot and to discover different ways we can become more civically engaged. The goal of the party will not be to tell anyone how to vote, but for everyone to bring their own ideas, questions, and beliefs. We'll do some prep together and make sure everyone is both registered to vote and confident about voting on Election Day. I'd love for you to come!

 *Date: [Insert Date]*

 *Time: [Insert Time]*

 *Location: [Insert Address]*

Let me know if you can make it!

Before you begin your party, you will need to:



Register to Vote

Registering to vote is very easy to do at Vote411.org. On the Vote411 homepage, click on "**register to vote**," if you have not been registered previously, or "**check your registration**" if you have voted before. This process usually takes about two minutes to complete.



Note: Register early! Your state's registration deadline may be well before the November 3rd election. You can remind your friends to register in advance of your party if you'll be hosting after your state registration deadline (which you can find by searching for it online).



Print Sample Ballots

You can **print sample ballots** to give to your friends from your secretary of state or county elections office website (which you can search for by entering the name of your state and "secretary of state," or the name of your county and "elections office") or from this link to [Ballotpedia](https://Ballotpedia.org) by entering your address. Sample ballots are pre-made mockups of the actual ballot you'll use on election day that show you which candidates and issues you'll be voting for or on.

Note: if you don't have a printer handy, you can have each friend look up the sample ballot on their phone during your party by scanning this QR code.



Once you've registered and have sample ballots printed for everyone you invited to your Voter Prep Party, you're ready to have your party:

- ✦ Make sure all of your friends also register or check their registration at Vote411.org.

Note: *You cannot register others yourself. You can inform others of where and how to register, but your friends must register themselves.*

- ✦ Give each friend a sample ballot or have them look one up on Ballotpedia using the QR code above.
- ✦ Discuss what's on the ballot by going through each candidate race and issue on your sample ballots, clicking "see what's on your ballot" on the homepage of Vote411.org, and sharing the information with the group or having them navigate to the page as well.

You may also like to choose general questions to ask those attending your party. You can come up with your own questions or choose some of the following:

- ✦ What problems are most critical for our county/city/town to address now?
- ✦ Have you ever voted without choosing an option for every candidate or issue? Why or why not?
- ✦ What policies have the potential to do the most good?
- ✦ What has made voting difficult for you in the past or kept you from voting?
- ✦ Who could benefit from voting a particular way on a certain issue or in a specific race? Are there other groups that might be harmed or left behind by that vote?
- ✦ What character traits do you want our community to be known for and our leaders to emulate?

*To encourage even more positive voter prep and make your party fun, play our **Ready to Vote bingo** on the next page!*

*Thank you for hosting a Voter Prep Party.
Happy voting in this midterm year — see you November 3rd!*

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READY TO VOTE BINGO!

Decide what day you'll vote, and add it to your calendar	Help a friend make their voting plan (and offer childcare if they need it to vote)	Decide how you will vote on five issues or candidate races on your sample ballot	Discuss with a friend how you plan to vote in the upcoming election	Text someone who doesn't drive and offer a ride to the polls
Visit a candidate's website	Read the pros and cons for any measures or amendments that will appear on your ballot	Follow two reliable local news sources	Fact check a political headline before sharing it	Host or attend a voter prep party
Post on social media about your plan to vote	Write down your vision for your town, county, state, or country		Share your favorite post about voting from WBP on Instagram	Research a local race and share what you learn with a friend
Follow a local candidate on social media	Pledge to be a "golden rule" voter — keep others' needs in mind as you vote	Double check your voter registration	Read an article about a local candidate race or issue	Ask a friend what experiences led them to their perspective on an issue
Find out which individuals and orgs have endorsed a candidate on your ballot	Find out what was the closest race in your state's primary election	Discuss which values you want your vote to reinforce	Find your closest polling place	Find out if your state issues a voters' guide